

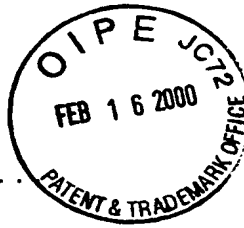
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of MEISEL et al.

Application No.: 09/181,671

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: Novel Modifications of 2-Amino.



Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: B. Davis

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F. Meier

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February 16, 2000

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued October 20, 1999, please
consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 16 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-3 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being
unpatentable over Dieter et al. and further in view of Kirk-Othmer
Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. This rejection is traversed for the
following reasons.

The Examiner rejects claims to the three crystalline modifications of the
substance Retigabine on the grounds that
"... the instant crystalline morphologies would have been obvious to one of
ordinary skill in the art ...";